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SUMMARY: LDP HAS BEGUN INTENSIVE STUDY OF NPT RATIFICATION. FOUR LDP BODIES JOINTLY MET MARCH 4 TO DISCUSS SAFEGUARDS ISSUE. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT GROUP WILL THEN TAKE UP FAR MORE CONTROVERSIAL NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AND SECURITY ISSUES ON MARCH 11 AND 14, AND THAT PARTY HOPES TO DEVELOP CONSENSUS ON WHAT TO DO ABOUT NPT RATIFICATION BY MARCH 18. END SUMMARY.

1. ON MARCH 4, FOUR LDP BODIES CHAIRED BY NAOKICHI KITAZAWA, CHAIRMAN OF LDP FOREIGN AFFAIRS RESEARCH COUNCIL, HELD FIRST OF THREE PROJECTED MEETINGS TO STUDY NPT RATIFICATION. BESIDES KITAZAWA'S COUNCIL,

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BODIES INVOLVED WERE SECURITY AFFAIRS RESEARCH COUNCIL,

RESOURCES AND ENERGY RESEARCH COUNCIL, AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIVISION.

2. THE MEETING WAS DEVOTED ONLY TO QUESTION OF PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, I.E. CONTENTS AND IMPLICATIONS OF IAEA AGREEMENT. PRESS SAID THAT DIETMEN EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER IMPOSITION OF INTERNATIONAL INSPECTION OF JAPAN'S NUCLEAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT MORE STRICT THAN AT PRESENT, AND POSSIBILITY OF LEAKAGE OF IMPORTANT COMMERCIAL SECRETS. THEY ALSO ASKED WHETHER JAPAN WOULD NOT RECEIVE UNFAIR TREATMENT UNDER THE IAEA AGREEMENT BECAUSE OF THE NATION'S IAG IN NUCLEAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT.

3. ACCORDING TO PRESS, FONOFF, STA, AND RESOURCES AND ENERGY AGENCY EXPERTS REPLIED TO EFFECT THAT EVEN THE NUCLEAR POWERS, US AND UK, WHICH ARE UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO UNDERGO INSPECTION (AGAINST MILITARY ABUSE OF PEACEFULLY INTENDED NUCLEAR POWER) ARE PREPARED TO BE INSPECTED. THE EXPERTS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT NATIONS SUCH AS WEST GERMANY, WHICH HAVE ADVANCED

BEYOND JAPAN IN NUCLEAR POWER DEVELOPMENT, MAY BE UNDER LESS STRINGENT INSPECTION, BUT SUCH INEQUALITY MAY BE MINIMIZED THROUGH STRENGTHENING OF JAPAN'S OWN INSPECTION SYSTEM. FOR THIS PURPOSE, AN INSPECTION OFFICE HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED IN STA LAST FALL. LEAKAGE OF SECRETS UNDER SUCH INSPECTION CAN BE DEALT WITH BY APPEALING TO INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE. FINALLY, NPT RATIFICATION WILL WORK TO JAPAN'S ADVANTAGE IN OBTAINING NUCLEAR FUEL.

4. AFTER THE MEETING, KITAZAWA TOLD PRESS THAT MEETINGS WILL BE CALLED ON MARCH 11 AND 14 TO HEAR VIEWS OF FONMIN MIYAZAWA, JDA DIRGEN SAKATA, AND STA DIRGEN SASAKI AS WELL AS EXPERTS FROM OUTSIDE GOVERNMENT. HE SAID PURPOSE OF THESE SESSIONS IS TO GIVE ALL PARTISANS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS IN ORDER TO DEVELOP A PARTY CONSENSUS

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ON NPT RATIFICATION.

5. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT THESE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK WILL TAKE UP THE FAR MORE CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES OF PROGRESS TOWARD WORLD NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AND ASSURING JAPAN'S SECURITY AFTER NPT RATIFICATION FOR REMAINDER OF CENTURY. PARTY REPORTEDLY HOPES TO DEVELOP CONSENSUS ON WHAT TO DO ABOUT RATIFICATION

BY MARCH 18, DAY BEFORE CAMPAIGNING BEGINS FOR
NATION-WIDE LOCAL ELECTIONS IN APRIL.
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